A Committee of senior officers has been constituted to review the existing transfer policy to make it more transparent and equitable. The Committee will take into consideration all relevant factors, including instructions issued by the Department of Personnel & Training and CVC, while making its re commendations.

Tax Collections by NSCN

236. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that during the continuation of ceasefire between the NSCN and the Government of India, open levy/tax collections have been made by the NSCN on vehicles carrying essential goods from Dimapur, for the people of Manipur, at the nose of security and police stations in the Nagaland area, upto the border area of Manipur;

(b) if so, what steps have been taken in this regard; and

(c) whether there is any contemplated plan for recruitment of National Highway Force?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) Instances of NSCN (I/M) cadres indulging in forcible extortion under the garb of "tax collection by the so-called Government of the People's Republic of Nagaland" have come to notice of the Central Government.

(b) Instructions have been issued to the Government of Nagaland to deal firmly with such situations in accordance with the law of the land. NSCN(I/M) have also been warned that such extortion is against the Agreed Ground Rules for cease-fire and that continuation of such practices may seriously jeopardise the ceasefire agreement and invite appropriate response from the security forces. A number of NSCN(I/M) cadres indulging the extortion have also been arrested.

(c) No. Sir.

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237. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state: